Drought Assistance to Rajasthan

3959. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how much financial assistance has been given to Rajasthan to face drought and for drought relief work during 2000-2001;

(b) the number of Taluks in the State declared as drought affected during 2001-2002;

(c) the amount of additional grant sought for by the State Government;

(d) the reasons for not sanctioning the required amount; and

(e) whether it is a fact that Rs. 150 crore loan taken by the State Government from NABARD, is yet to be paid by it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) In addition to release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), assistance amounting to Rs. 163.97 crore from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) was released to the State, for the drought of 2000-01.

(b) According to the State Government, 3940 villages in 3 districts have been affected by drought, during 2001-02.

(c) and (d) No Memorandum seeking additional assistance from NCCF has been received from the State Government for the drought of 2001-02.

(e) The State Government have reported that a loan of Rs. 147.71 crore has been taken by them from NABARD and is to be repaid by them.

Feed and Fodder Development in Karnataka

3960. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of implementation of Central Sector and centrally sponsored scheme of Feed and Fodder Development and the amount released to Karnataka so far; and